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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION PRESIDENT CARTER

1. INAUGURATION IS LEAD STORY IN MADRID PRESS
JANUARY 20 AND 21. EL PAIS (MODERATE LEFT, JANUARY
21) CALLS PRESIDENT'S SPEECH "CENTERED UPON...THE
URGENCY OF MAKING PEACE IN THE WORLD, OF ARRIVING
AT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND OF GUARANTEEING EVERYWHERE
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. EL PAIS OF JANUARY 20 DEVOTES EIGHT PAGES TO THE
NEW ADMINISTRATION. JOSE MARIA GIL ROBLES WRITES
ON THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION THAT "LEAVING ASIDE
THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT
ENCOUNTERS IN THE DIFFICULT YEARS THAT AWAIT HIM, IT
IS NECESSARY TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE BEGINNING HAS
BEEN GOOD. I THINK THAT THE LESSON THIS (SMOOTH
CHANGEOVER) UNDERLINES CAN BE USEFUL, AND NOT JUST
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IN AMERICA."

3. JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL WRITES FROM WASHINGTON FOR
ABC (MONARCHIST JANUARY 21): "FROM HIS FIRST WORDS OF
THANKS TO FORD, THE NEW PRESIDENT SET THE TONE FOR
HIS ADMINISTRATION, WITH A STYLE MORE OF THE PULPIT
THAN OF THE POLITICAL TRIBUNAL. LOVE, GOD, BIBLE,

SPIRITUALITY, FAMILY, MORALITY, FELL FROM HIS LIPS IN
A RARE COMBINATION OF FIRMNNESS AND GENTLENESS, OF
IDEALISM AND REALISM..."

4. ARRIBA (NATIONAL MOVEMENT, JANUARY 20) DEVOTES FULL
FRONT PAGE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT AND FULL INSIDE
PAGE TO EDITORIAL BY FELIX ORGEGA: "JIMMY CARTER IS A
POLITICAL ANIMAL CAPABLE OF HAVING REALIZED...THAT
CHANGING AN 'ESTABLISHMENT' IS SOMETHING SO SERIOUS
THAT IT CANNOT BE DONE ANY MORE THAN BY GISCARD...
CARTER HAS ESSENTIALLY LOOKED FOR HIS MEN IN THE
CLASSIC QUARRY OF THE EAST, FROM THE SELECTION
PUT BEFORE HIM BY THAT 'ESTABLISHMENT' THAT HE
DREAMED, ELECTORALLY, OF PURIFYING. BUT REALITY
COMMANDS."

5. ANTONIO PARRA WRITES FROM WASHINGTON FOR ARRIBA
(JANUARY 21): "IN A WAY THIS IS AN UNCONVENTIONAL
INAUGURATION, WITH SOMETHING OF THE SPIRIT OF 1776.
PERHAPS THIS IS BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER IS GOING TO
BE AN UNCONVENTIONAL PRESIDENT, ANTIDOCRINAIRE,
PRAGMATIC, WITH TRACES OF THE CONSERVATIVE AND THE
LIBERAL AT THE SAME TIME..." ITEM.RYLANCE

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